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Dear Hal,

Although I said I'd lay your corrections aside and go over them when I Get Jim's and Mary's, for each handling, each thumbing of pages takes much time, I decided to pick them up now, on the off chance, with what I hope might be an impetus from Chicago, there might be a chance of help in private printing.

I've done almost half, and although my wife and I went over this before Paul, and he did, you also found things we all missed, and catching them helps. In fact, in going over it again, I found two none of us spotted, simple typos. So, again, thanks.

I wish it were possible to have most read it before the "final" typing. It is now frozen into page and half of it carded for index (what a monster that will be, with about 3,000 entries so far!)

Soon we hope to be filing a suit under the Freedom of Information law. If you read the book carefully, you know the basis. I wish I could tell you the new basis I have, not in the book, and the allegations we will make, all substantiated and in the marvelous ~~new~~ backdrop. But, there have been too many leaks from out there, so you'll find out, I hope, when you read it in the papers or get it on the air.

If you recall the book at all well, you know I say the government boys, one way or another, will get rid of all the leaders, and, elliptically, because of the time it was written, I did bring in the FBI and the Panthers and especially Chicago. I think it is as close to a forecast as man is capable of. Yet they are more Catholic than the pope. And for all their put-on manhood, ~~which~~ which in their concept is measured in guns only, they haven't yet learned how to fight. Only how to get killed, in futility rather than accomplishment. I feel badly about this, because I do feel that if I'd been able to get this out and had been aired in Chicago, there would not have been those murders.

There is so much detail work that bogs me down. I've not been able to do any writing for too long, and I have two suits to prepare for, besides everything else. The enormity of the work is in itself wearying. Just thinking of it. But I'm still tough enough, if I ache and creak, to have worked through a strep throat (Lil's has laid her low for ten days).

Looking forward to hearing from Bernardo. Had a few minutes before bed, so I'm writing to say thanks again.

Best to everyone,